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BAN ON RICE EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned the export of rice from the country in October, 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this ban was lifted shortly;

(d) if so, the date of lifting the ban and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the quantum of rice exported from the country during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and from April to December, 2007?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e) The Government vide Notification dated 15.10.2007 banned export of non-basmati rice. However, vide Notification dated 31.10.2007 non-basmati rice exports were permitted subject to a minimum export price (MEP) of US$ 425 per or Rs. 17,000/- per tonne F.O.B. Later, vide Notification dated 27.12.2007, the MEP was raised to US$ 500 or Rs. 20,000/- per tonne F.O.B. All this was done with a view to ensure buffer stocks for the Public Distribution System and to curtail rising domestic prices of non-basmati rice. The details of rice exports during the period are as follows:

Qty. : MTs , Value: Rs. lakhs

Year	Basmati Rice		Non Basmati Rice	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2004-05	1162989	292390	3615110	394502
2005-06	1166564	304310	2921602	317817
2006-07	1045715	279281	3702192	424308
2007-08	567335	168777	3187526	375984

(Apr-Oct 2007)
Source: DGCI&S Data is provisional